

In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented): A visual indicia for facilitating computer based access of a network by a consumer, comprising:

a machine readable code disposed on a surface of a product and having encoded therein information related to the product, which product is provided by the product manufacturer, and which machine readable code is physically associated with the product itself, which machine readable code has no routing information contained therein to allow a user to access any location on a network, and which machine readable code has a relationship to the product or service unrelated to routing information;

the machine readable code being a part of a relational database that associates the machine readable code with a defined location on the network and the relational database associated with a routing system that facilitates connection to the remote location on the network; and

a visual indicia having no apparent relationship to the machine readable code or to the defined location disposed on said surface in a predetermined proximate visual orientation to said machine readable code and the visual indicia associated only with the routing system and not with the product manufacturer, such that the machine readable code and the visual indicia together form a defined composite visual appearance, indicative of a relationship between said machine readable code and the presence of a location on a network that will use the routing system for connection to the remote location and that such location on the network can be accessed by a computer having an appropriate input device for reading said machine readable code, such that reading of said machine readable code by said input device will cause the routing system to connect the computer to the remote location, and wherein the visual indicia indicates only that scanning of the machine readable code will cause computer based access of the network by the routing system.

2. (Original) The indicia of Claim 1, wherein said visual indicia is not machine readable.

3. (Original) The indicia of Claim 1, wherein said machine readable code represents a product.

4. (Previously Presented): The indicia of Claim 3, wherein said machine readable code is disposed directly on a product.

5. (Original): The indicia of Claim 3, wherein said machine readable code is disposed in close association with said product.

6. (Original) The indicia of Claim 3, wherein said machine readable code is a UPN.

7. (Original) The indicia of Claim 3, wherein the machine readable code is an ISBN.

8. (Original) The indicia of Claim 3, wherein the machine readable code is an EAN.

9. (Previously presented) The indicia of Claim 1, wherein the input device for reading said machine readable code is a scanner.